

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency  
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Notice DCP-81

**For:** State and County Offices

**Default Method for Establishing Bases for Farms When Option 4 Was the Only Applicable Option**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Notice DCP-77 provided default procedure for farms that were not enrolled by the April 1, 2003, deadline or represented on a register by the April 1, 2003, deadline. Notice DCP-77 stated that the only option applicable for defaulting farms was option 2.

Several inquiries have been received about farms that had only a planting history during FY 1998 through 2001 of a non-oilseed crop(s). These farms did not have production flexibility contract (PFC) acres so the only option applicable for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) sign-up would have been option 4. Since the April 1, 2003, deadline has passed and the only option applicable to default farms is option 2, several inquiries have been received as how to handle these farms.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides:

- guidance for defaulting farms in which option 4 was the only applicable option before April 1, 2003, because the farm has no:
  - PFC acres
  - planting history for oilseeds
- an extension to complete the default procedure through April 25, 2003, **for the farms meeting the criteria in this notice.**

**Note:** The default method for all other farms shall be completed by the April 18, 2003, deadline as specified in Notice DCP-77.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Default Method For Farms in Which Option 4 is the Only Applicable Option

#### A Defaulting Option 4 Farms

County Offices shall:

- follow the procedure in Notice DCP-77 which states that option 2 shall be selected

**Note:** Farm maintenance records will be updated; however, no DCP base acres will be on the farm.

- notate on CCC-515's that print that the farm was only eligible for option 4 before the April 1, 2003, deadline

**Note:** CCC-515 will print with item 5 filled in stating that option 2 was elected, but item 6 will not show DCP acres or direct or counter-cyclical yields.

Continue to follow the procedure in Notice DCP-77 about signature and date procedure.

- mail CCC-540 even though no acreage or yield information appears.

**Note:** County Office shall manually notate on CCC-540 that the deadline has passed and that the producer is not eligible for DCP.

#### B DCP Farm Bill Status Reports

Several reports were provided to assist County Offices with DCP signup. These reports can be found in 1-DCP, paragraphs 631 through 639. County Offices have been using these reports as tools when completing DCP signup. Once the farms identified in this notice are defaulted, the farms will be removed from the "All Farms That Do Not Have a Base and Yield Election Report".

However, the farms will still show up on the "All Farms That Do Not Have Signed CCC-515 Report". The farms still show up on this report because the report checks farm maintenance for base acres greater than zero. Since the base acres are not greater than zero, the farm is still listed on the report. These farms are identified on the report because it is assumed that the base and yield election was made but the acres were removed from farm maintenance in error; that is not the case for farms defaulted according to this notice.

The "CCC-515 Signed Status" on all reports will show as "NO", because the farm is not considered complete unless specific criteria are met, 1 of which is the bases and yields being greater than zero in farm maintenance.

The "National Enrollment Report" will show the farms defaulted according to this notice as being complete.